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and authority to punishment for the four murders com-
mitted by him, and his naked contempt. These
who got the letter had not the most distant idea that
the respect would be granted. They expected and hoped
for a refusal—and then they would have made the welkin
ring with their anathemas upon Gov. Wm. and the whole
country, that could see the kind feelings of such a
violent lady thwarted and cruelly crushed. But, to the
great disappointment of the men who were using this
method, he gave it up, and did not even say so much as
the apparent wishes of the writer. His letter was at
once courteous, kind, and thoroughly manly and honorable.
It was composed for its kind, benevolence, and good
sense; but by means of the secret of his being a political
agent, that publication was not made of the letter, and the papers
that published it. It now turns out that this letter was
not more than a month ago, and that the whole country
had no more idea of going to Virginia, to take care of Old
Brown, than she had when going to the North pole, to look
after the North Star. (Applause.) Instead of doing
an act of kindness to an impious master, he was engaged
in trifling with his feelings—holding out hopes of comfort
and solace to him, when he should see her letter in the
newspapers, only to be disappointed. The whole thing
was a mere farce, a mere political caper, no matter where feelings were trifled with. Instead of going
to Virginia, after the Governor had offered to do all in
his power to throw the prison doors wide open to her
sister, and the world outside with a tumult and a half of vituperation
against the wicked master, he was not made, "Now
go, Governor," but an article was written, and the
whole world was told that it was a paw, and catlike, she now
makes known her disengaged rage, in splashing out her
last words, "I am the master." The entire world is
now aware of the master's violence. Webster, and he
has given the world a "bonds of tow"; but it remains for
the like Devil to "bind us" in Virginia, to convince us
that more harm was in that simple sentence than
had ever been imagined. (Applause.) It has been
represented that the original reproduction of some
news was only an exhibition of "rain babblings";
but we saw that a great deal of this was of the most pitiful
character, engendered by malice and falsehood, and per-
severed in distinguished and notorious ways, as if it were
what was most honest it was ignorant. (Applause.) We
have not yet seen it was for political effect; but we had come
to a comprehension of the amount of "rainbabblings"
which a perfidious perseverance in the utterance of
truth and justice, and a capital greed, had brought us
into. We had our venerable precursor comment on the
whole, and said that a man should stand
in the streets, and pointing to the heavens, assert that the
world was made of green cheese, giving out only photo-
phenomena, there would be, at the end of that time, twenty
million people willing to believe him, and receive his "philoso-
phy" explanation as the true one; but that the malignity
of credulity and the want of common sense, would
be new. (Applause.) We stood amazed, and in awe, with
such a scarcely known how to express our astonishment;
but yet why did we have done so? Here the effect of
such rain babblings is plainly foreseen and predicted.
The present seems to be the time when, in will-
fully gain the sense of many minds, inclined, from
inactivity and imbecility, take their creed upon trust;
and now, when these opinions are opposed, and real de-
mons are let loose, and make them tremble, when
they are loosed to employ violence. That is what we call
malicious fanaticism, and it seems to be the pro-
vince of error alone to produce it. Truth is confident;
Strong in the consciousness of right, and it is the
destructive and weak. When opposed, like the man
on the wrong side of the argument, it grows angry, and is
ready to fight; and when it has been once stung, there
is no room for it to grow and to become more and more
victorious. The scene of murder, rapine and violence
which must have been present to the mind of John Brown,
as he was gradually mastering his plan of a servile insur-
rection, and preparing to enter upon their execution,
was received with loud demonstrations of applause. He spoke as
follows:—

Let me tell you what the
water habits, blood and education of these people are.
A thoughtful man can shun you for the palpable form
of their government as much as Cuvier could tell you the
habits of an animal if you showed him its anatomy.
Government! According to Mr. Seward, it has been
the greatest of all the miseries of man to have been
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The Tribune coolly informs us that Mr. Hyatt is in his denotion, that his friends are denied access to him, and that he deserves worse treatment than any common criminal. How much of this ill-treatment must Mr. Hyatt suffer? Since this announcement we learn the jailer has released somewhat the rigor of his course, and allowed Mr. Hyatt to see his friends, and to have access to books to do so. But this wonderful act of lenity is not enough. All that argument could do on the part of Friends and the grossest ridicule on the part of The Times has been done to secure the treatment of a felon and a dog for Mr. Hyatt.

We are told by The Tribune's correspondent that Friends' speech in favor of Hyatt's incarceration was highly praised at Washington. Of course it was.

It would be well had they done it to their own

privilege, all that the Slave Power had to offer it, and it is good that the Slave Power will also remember that service and appreciate it.

I like the Republicanism, then God save us from it!

It is hard to grapple with the naked devil, Democracy, than to hug the wolf in sheep's clothing! Let us have the sense to deal with, whether live to the world the triumph of freedom in this land or not.

O. W. R.

ANTI-SLAVERY CONVENTION AT ROCHESTER.

ROCHESTER, March 25, 1860.

Editor of The National Anti-Slavery Standard.

On Wednesday and Thursday, M^r 21st and 22d, a Anti-Slavery Convention was held in Rochester, though not largely attended, seems to me deserving of a brief notice in your paper. Rochester for some reasons not mentioned in your paper, has been, for some time past, very unevenly won to a subject. It cannot be because of no effort having been made by the friends of freedom to make a living warmth in the people, for we have had much of preaching and teaching of anti-slavery here.

Every phase of the subject has had advocates. You will remember that in Rochester the famous "Irrepressible" speech of Senator Seward was made, and from Rochester was sent out the world.

At that time, no one seemed to watch the progress of the anti-slavery party; but now it is evident that every party might have easily believed in the good faith of the Republicans, and been willing to trust them with the care of the bondman. That hour is past. Also for the party itself. "Once, mere, tattered aphelin" is no longer upon it that it needs no *Duid* to interpret "that just that may read."

Two years ago, Aaron M. Powell gave to the people of Rochester an opportunity of listening to the eloquent principles of the Great Anti-Slavery Society, meeting for several weeks. Late—still—with a personal speech in Rochester for several days; and the Church opened its doors to admit him to its pulpits. Corinthian Hall was obtained, and from its rostrum Dr. Cheever's voice was heard; and his tones are not to be mistaken.

François Dorcas has spoken in the city frequently, and we should suppose his present would be a perfect sermon, sounding always to the ears of our people. Not very many months ago, the same here, perhaps the hottest summer ever known, Dr. Bowes, speaking in Rochester for a rare opportunity, yet only a hand improved it. The loss may not be regretted, the winter just past, anti-slavery teaching, and our own voices by Parker, Pittman, etc., were more than sorry that these speeches of Mr. Pittman have not been reported. N^r before we have left, and on the express we have to the Society for their compensation shiften. The counsel of these friends prevailed, and the Convention was called.

Parker, Pitman, A. M. Powell, Giles B. Stevens, Sⁿ B Anthony and Lucy N. Colman were the speakers ad-

vised. I send you the list of orators, with the resolutions adopted. I could wish you a full report of some of the speeches. Mr. Powell examined very closely the position of the Republican party. Mr. Pittman took for his text Mr. Seward's speech in Boston, and in his Rochester speech and closing how well Mr. Seward had fallen, taking the latter as the index of his heart.

Then Mr. Seward puts aside his party all anti-slavery intentions; concedes to the South all its demands, if that shall be successful; counts the slaves of negro equality; saves the Union at all hazards, even though a whole race be kept in perpetual bondage by its crushing weight!" The party should be baptized with a new name. It is not a Republican party." Mr. Stebbins' speech was an admirable one, more hopeful than the others, but none the less pointed and searching. We think, though the attendance was small, that the Convention, under the circumstances, was worth its cost.

Yours for the slave,

A. N. COLMAN, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the government of the United States is now a consolidated Despotism—the strength of which is in the North, is the Republican party—existing, as at the last election, in a dead lock, and that the South, the rich, and intelligent will turn the scale at the approaching contest to two millions—and every one of them a slave born out of the womb that slavery shall be protected and preserved, and that the South is responsible for all the acts and movements of the Slave power, which the slaves are making throughout their generations.

Resolved, That of all the Congressional measures of the present session, the most important to the cause of the slave in this nation is the speech of Senator Kossuth of New York, on the admission of Kansas to the Union. I wish to repeat his authority, that the present condition of the Slave power, it is all the more significant a declaration of sentiments—a plain and simple party fact—and a forewarning of what shall be the character of his administration in the event of his success.

Resolved, That the personal liberty of the slaves, and all their rights, are to be secured in the South, as far as we are able; and that we are to do all in our power to effectuate this end.

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